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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION TO MILITARY AID CONTINUATION

1. REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT CONGRESSIONAL CONFEREES HAD AGREED TO EXTEND MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AT LEAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 5 HAVE RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY IN THE TURKISH MEDIA SINCE TUESDAY NIGHT. THE STORY WAS AMONG LEAD ITEMS ON RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS BROADCASTS TUESDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY MORNING. TYPICAL OF PRESS TREATMENT WAS THE TOP FRONT PAGE HEADLINE IN HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY: "U.S. MILITARY AID AGAIN BEGUN."

2. PRESS REPORTS, MAINLY BASED ON WIRE SERVICE STORIES, NOTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN PERSUADING CONGRESS TO RESUME AID. ACCORDING TO HURRIYET'S UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, DOGAN ULUC, UNNAMED STATE

DEPARTMENT SOURCES SAID THAT THE AID EXTENSION IS "SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MOST IMPORTANT SUCCESS IN RECENT TIMES." WEDNESDAY MORNING EDITIONS ALSO GIVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO A MAGAZINE INTERVIEW WITH FORMER AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, SENATOR MUHSIN BATUR, WHO DECLARED THAT WERE U.S. AID CUT OFF, TURKISH AIR FORCE PLANES WOULD STOP FLYING IN THREE TO SIX MONTHS AND THE OTHER ARMED SERVICES WOULD ALSO BE SOON AFFECTED. IN THE INTERVIEW, SENATOR BATUR DEPLORED TURKEY'S HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON ONLY ONE ARMS SUPPLIER.

3. IN OTHER COVERAGE, SEVERAL PAPERS GIVE EXTENSIVE ATTENTION TO THE EXCHANGE IN PARLIAMENT TUESDAY BETWEEN SENATOR HIHAT ERIM AND FOREIGN MINISTER MELIH ESENBEL (SEE SEPTTEL).
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